

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2005. Claims 12-21, 23 and 25-29 have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 11 are rejected. Claim 3 has been objected to. With this Response, claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-21, 23 and 25-29 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 3 because of an informality.

Applicants have amended claim 3 to correct the informality. Applicants believe claim 3 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the objection to claim 3 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-21, 23 and 25-29 are allowed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Richards et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,351,621.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include allowable subject matter of claim 12. Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to include allowable subject matter of claim 12.

In view of the above, amended independent claims 1 and 9 are believed to be in form for allowance.

In addition, claims 2-3, and 5-8 further define patentably distinct independent claim 1, and claim 11 further define patentably distinct independent claim 9. Therefore, dependent claims 2-3, 5-8, and 11 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the above objections and rejections and request allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that in pending claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-21, 23 and 25-29 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-21, 23 and 25-29 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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